

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method comprising:
receiving an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a video signal and a graphics signal are to be combined; and
adjusting a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:
comparing the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to arrive at a result; and
adjusting a filter level of the flicker filter in response to the result.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
subtracting the alpha value from the predetermined threshold value to arrive at a second result.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3, further comprising:
dividing the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third result; and
adjusting the filter level based on the third result.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the predetermined threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
adjusting the filter level when the alpha value exceeds the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 2, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the graphics image displayed with the video image is substantially transparent.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 3, further comprising:
turning off the flicker filter when the graphics image displayed with the video image has an alpha value that is below the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising:

evaluating the graphics signal to produce a threshold value;
comparing the alpha value to the threshold value to arrive at a result; and
adjusting a filter level of the flicker filter in response to the result.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A system comprising:
a controller to associate an alpha value with a signal to be displayed; and
a processor coupled to the controller to execute a software program which includes instructions to ~~to~~ that if executed enable the system to adjust a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system of claim 10, wherein the flicker filter is adapted to operate ~~operates~~ at a plurality of levels.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further includes instructions to ~~to~~ that if executed enable the system to:
compare the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to produce a result; and
adjust one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon the result.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further includes instructions to ~~to~~ that if executed enable the system to:
evaluate the signal to produce a threshold value;
compare the alpha value to the threshold value to produce a result; and
adjust one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon the result.

Claim 14 (original): The system of claim 13, wherein the alpha value specifies how strongly the graphics signal is to be displayed.

Claim 15 (original): The system of claim 12, wherein the flicker filter is turned off when the predetermined threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further includes instructions to ~~to~~ that if executed enable the system to:
evaluate the signal to produce a threshold value;
compare the alpha value to the threshold value to produce a result; and
adjust one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon the result.

Claim 17 (original): An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, upon execution, enable a processor-based system to:

receive an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a video signal and a graphics signal are to be combined; and

adjust a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

compare the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to arrive at a result; and

adjust filter level of the flicker based on the result.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to subtract the alpha value from the predetermined threshold value to arrive at a second result.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The article of claim 19, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

divide the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third result; and

adjust the filter level based on the third result.

Claim 21 (previously presented) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

turn off the flicker filter when the predetermined threshold value exceeds the alpha value.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon execution, enable the processor-based system to:

adjust the filter level when the alpha value exceeds the predetermined threshold value.